

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 00-1312-K)**

PATENT

In application of:)
Kopreski) Before the Examiner:
Serial No. 10/658,873) F. Wei Min Lu
Filed: September 5, 2003) Group Art Unit: 1634
For: Method for Detecting and Monitoring)
Cancer using Extracellular RNA)

RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED AUGUST 24, 2006

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action, mailed August 24, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

Status of the claims

The Examiner indicated that claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8, 9, 12-18, 20, 23-29, 31, 32 and 39-48 are pending at the issuance of this Office Action.

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.121, amendments to the specification are set forth on page 2, amendments to the claims begin on page 3, and Applicant's remarks begin on page XX.